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Brookline Reservoir Gatehouse  
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Date: 1848

Location: Boylston and Warren Sts. Brookline, Norfolk County,  
Massachusetts.

Engineer: John B. Jervis and E.S. Chesborough.

Significance: The Cochituate Aqueduct was Boston's first major water supply conduit. Completed in 1848, the 15-mile conduit from Lake Cochituate to the Brookline Reservoir was linked to cast iron pipes at this gatehouse. Of all the surviving structures on the aqueduct, the gatehouse was the most architecturally elaborate. Granite quoins, a heavy belt course, and a gable pediment frame the two-story street facade of the granite ashlar building.

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